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Homecoming Winners

by Kristi Flippin
page editor

Homecoming Court 2000 unrolled with all the traditional elements.

Student Senate representative Jenni Wright was crowned 2000 Homecoming Queen and resident assistant Fredrick Smith was crowned King at the Homecoming game Nov. 4 against the Kilgore Rangers.

Tai Kwon Do representative Elisha Rister was named Most Beautiful and Apache Belle Guard Jonathan Hewlitt Most Handsome.

In the professional division for Campus Capers, Harmony and Understanding's "Too Hot to Samba" routine incorporating neon gloves and maracas that glowed in the black light won

first place and \$300.

The Apache Belle sophomores won \$200 and placed second with their power jazz routine to "I'm Beautiful" choreographed by New York dance instructor Stephen Boyd.

Holly Rhea Denby and Dianda Frost won third place and \$100 for their humorous vocal duet.

In the amateur category, Peter Keane took first place for his piano solo of "The Devil Went Down to Georgia" and "Riverdance."

Paul Cooksey won second place for his vocal and guitar solo of "Crash" by Dave Matthew's Band.

Shenekia Walker placed third for singing "I'm Going Down."

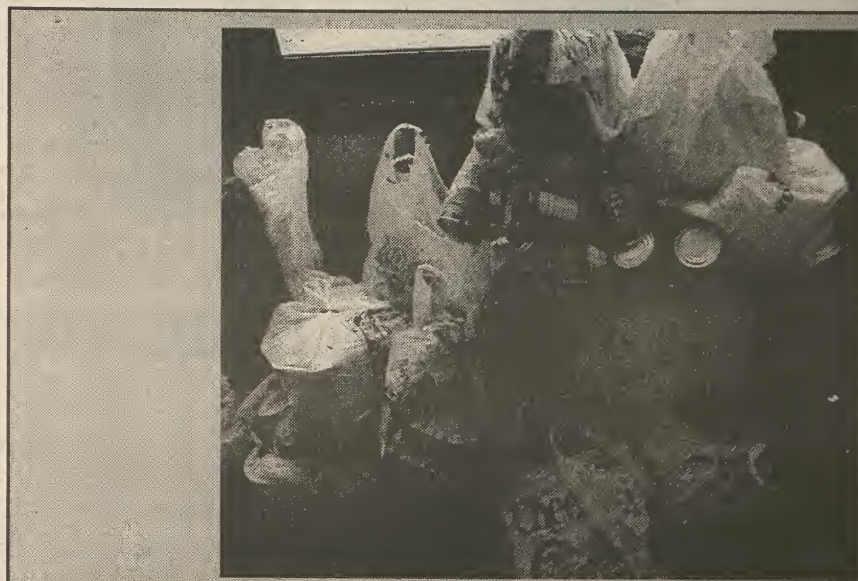


Photo by Ashley Tompkins

PATH food drive continues through Nov. 17 in 12 boxes in campus lounges. Students can donate non-perishable goods for needy families. Please see story below.

*Thanksgiving Holidays Nov 22-24
Have a wonderful and safe Thanksgiving!
- From the TJC News Staff*

Chao to speak on volunteerism

by Coretta Williams
page editor

United Way President Elaine Chao will speak about her volunteer experiences at 10 a.m. tomorrow in Rogers Student Center.

Third speaker in the Student Enrichment Series, Chao was named one of Washington's 100 most powerful women by Washingtonian Magazine and one of America's new generation leaders by Newsweek.

Chao directed the Peace Corps, the world's largest volunteer organization, until the United Way of America recruited her as president and CEO in 1992.

She helped establish the first Peace Corps programs in the Baltic nations of Latvia, Lithuania and other newly independent states of the former Soviet Union.

The next Student Enrichment Series speaker will be Kerry Kennedy Cuomo on March 6, 2001.

\$6 flu shots ready for students

by Coretta Williams
page editor

With the flu season fast approaching, campus health

services are offering flu vaccinations available to TJC students and employees only.

Vaccinations are available 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Thursday, Vocational Nurse Instructor Judy Carr said.

Thanksgiving week injections will be given from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday and Tuesday. Less than 200 injections remain.

Vaccines cost \$6, to be paid at the cashier's office in the

White Administrative Service Center.

To get an injection, Carr said, take the receipt to the Health Services office next to the pool hall on the second floor of Rogers Student Center.

"It is important to get a flu vaccination soon," Carr said. "January and February are known as flu season. It takes one month for the vaccine to develop antibodies against the flu."

Carr warns that the flu vaccine does not give you the flu, as some may think.

"The flu vaccine is a dead virus. It only prevents you from getting the flu, does not cause it," Carr said.

Those who are allergic to eggs, or have other medical problems should not take the vaccine. A list of medical conditions that might cause problems is available from Carr.

For more info, call Carr at 510-2264.

Students, faculty, staff donate food

by Ashley Tompkins
page editor

A mother sits all alone in the kitchen after a long day of work. She's not taking time out for herself or relaxing. She's wondering what she will do this holiday season to feed her children. She can't afford a large Thanksgiving dinner with the little money

she has so she must think of other options.

Fortunately, East Texas families will have somewhere to turn this holiday season. Thanks to PATH, the Tyler and Smith County community service coalition, needy families throughout East Texas will not have to

go without a holiday meal.

Once again, TJC faculty, staff and students are pitching in to collect canned foods and other staples for the needy, TJC Drive Chairperson Phyllis Brunner said.

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"The problem of power is how to get men of power to live for the public rather than off the public." - Robert F. Kennedy

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Should The Electoral College Or Popular Vote Decide Election?



Boyd Spencer

"It's fair. The electoral college is a direct representation of the popular vote."



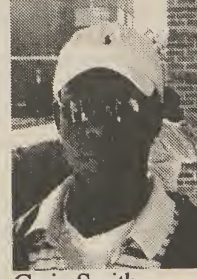
Kevin Hanley

"As long as Bush wins, it should be the electoral college."



Kahney Parsons

"Popular vote — it's not fair that a single state could decide for the rest of the country."



Craig Smith

"They should change the electoral college. The U.S. is smart enough to vote for themselves."



Cecilia Hart

"Popular — The p should be to pick they want president"

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Letters from Readers

Students disagree, find college fulfilling

Dear Editor:

"Reality Check: College Life — Do Anything You Want," in the Oct. 16 TJC Newspaper, I believe the article was very negative about this college and about the people here. It is not very professional for Mr. Pero to criticize TJC and this town and publish it.

I know everyone has a right to their own opinion, but I don't like to see the money I pay to attend this school and make your

Why pay to attend a school that you don't see as worthy? I am here to get an education so that I can live a productive life. I chose TJC because it is a good start. It's cheap, it's close and the professors are caring people.

My freshman experience was awesome. I made life-long friends, learned to beat a lot of people in pool, and saw how many good-looking guys there are (who aren't drunken

rednecks).

The article was incredibly insulting to people who make Tyler their home and TJC their school. I am sure you are familiar with the phrase, "You don't know what you have until it's gone." That is for the campus police who do actually come in handy, whether you are too proud to admit it or not.

In addition, freshman experiences are all going to be different. Pero's article appeared to be

supportive of underage drinking, use of drugs and cheating through school. As intelligent as he claims to be, his article uses some discipline.

I work with all of the teachers and they have no idea of the identity of Mike Pero.

In conclusion, I hope you find this letter more a piece of constructive criticism than a "hate letter." After all, it is my opinion.

Wendy Culp
Sophomore

College time to wake up, get serious

Dear Editor:

Yes, I read a Reality Check Column in the TJC newspaper, I was disturbed by it. Your article depicted some of the worst stereotypes of this town, college students and this school. What do you mean TJC will just have to do for now? FYI, this so-called "college" that you seem to not think much of just so happens to be the No. 1 junior college in the state of Texas and it ranks No. 10 in the country. You are doing nothing but degrading yourself by insulting the school that YOU go to! Why would you want to glamorize your mistakes, yes, mistakes, of your freshman experience — like not being able to remember anything and having nothing better to do than get wasted every night? You call that a good time? I know you're just expressing your "freedom of speech" in this article, but let me express mine.

1. Campus safety cops — notice the word "safety" — are

there for YOUR protection! If you would get to school in time, maybe you wouldn't have to worry about parking on the football field or paying tickets.

2. Okay, this just doesn't make sense to me at all! Why would you or some poor deceived scholarship donor want to spend hundreds of dollars on an education when you don't even gain one? Maybe I'm just crazy, but isn't that the purpose of going to college? I hope I never need any of that alcohol-saturated blood you donate for beer money! That's pretty low — sounds like you may have an addiction!

3. These so-called skills you're gaining — how far are they going to get you in the real world? I would hate to know the doctor performing surgery on anyone, or a lawyer defending a case, cheated their way through college. We have enough cheaters in the world, including in the White House!

4. I think everyone that comes to Tyler or the surrounding area will agree that your "culture experience" is nothing but a stereotype. Okay, maybe only 25 percent of the population around here have cows, trucks, are drunken rednecks and football fanatics. But can you really say that's ALL you see? What about hardworking doctors, lawyers, teachers and essential citizens who perform needed tasks?

The time has come for college students, not only at TJC, but all across the nation to wake up and get serious about their lives. College is not about just doing anything you want — it's preparing us for the future. I've never understood why people like to spend their whole weekend, and sometimes week, downing beer and indulging in whatever "feels good." The time we have as young, single adults is precious — why not spend it creating memories, rather than drowning them out?

You see, I'm a Christian. I believe in spending time growing in my faith and in my relationship with God. I don't need alcohol to have a good time and I don't have to cheat to get good grades on tests. I know a greater power than all of us. As I look for encouragement, I find this: "Don't let anyone bring you down because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in love, in faith, and in purity." Timothy 4:12.

You may not see me on things, but, TJC has been one of the best decisions I ever made. I don't know where you come from, but here's the fact: I don't like it here, take the words of TJC's slogan and "Go With Your Life!" One thing, if you think this is a "real college," maybe YOU need a Reality Check!

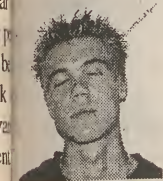
Brandy Scott
Sophomore



Reality Check



1st Amendment rights wasted on students?



by Mike Pero
page editor

Something tells me that if I set

up a stand in-between Jenkins and Potter Hall selling nothing but bong and pillows, I'd be a millionaire in just a few weeks.

Okay, wait. Before I get started let me just make a few things clear for those readers whose sense of humor strangely resembles the space between earth and the moon. My primary focus in writing this column is entertainment, my secondary point is usually some sarcastic stab at a legitimate topic or subject that holds little or no relevance to anything pertinent to anybody, anywhere at anytime.

For those who are left speechless and horrified af-

ter reading this column, please, do yourself a favor; put down the rosary beads and go watch "Saturday Night Live." I promise, after a few laughs, that bile in your stomach will begin to dissipate.

I must thank students-turned-critics Wendy Culpepper and Brandy Scheller for voicing their concerns (Letters from readers, Page 2). Until they spoke up, I had no idea that people had no idea that I have no idea. Sarcasm is designed to get under people's skin and when it does, I have done my job.

My beef, however, is with those of you who are offended, perturbed or elated, but do nothing to voice your feelings. Of course I realize I'm addressing a town whose high point of the year was dubbing a

marshmallow with brown hair as Rose Queen. One look at her will make a believer out of anyone who doesn't think money talks. ARE THEY PUTTING VALIUM IN OUR WATER OR WHAT?

I don't care what the church bureaucrats tell you, there is more to life than rodeos, church picnics and football. We as American citizens have in our pockets all the rights prescribed to us by the First Amendment. This means that if you don't like something, you can move to change it.

Tired of paying 80 bucks for one textbook? Let's organize a student book co-op. Sick of teachers who never learned how to teach? Write letters, sign petitions, get them out of the classroom. Fed up with paying too much for beer? Move to

Tijuana.

We have much more control of our own destiny than we think we do. As college students, the future of this country hangs threateningly above our heads. It's time we acknowledge this and do something about it. It's time to wake up and smell the future.

Student learns to cope with stress



by Hannah Buchanan
associate editor

Stress — something we all have, yet handle differently. For the college student, stress comes in all forms. Whether it's a terrible instructor, bad hair day or just a bad day, college students tackle stress the best (or worst) way we know how.

I'm no exception.

Classes are what make the college world go 'round.

Just think — without classes, college would just become busy-bodied, mostly young adults walking around all day with boredom or fun on their minds. Unfortunately, to survive college, students put up with tests, projects, scantrons and room temperatures. They deal with instructors who may help their academic success (or failure).

As a sophomore journalism major, I work on the newspaper staff as a page editor. The first semester here, I had absolutely no idea how to put a page together.

It amuses me to look back upon those "early days." Back then, I had no patience whatsoever. The computers and printer seem to have minds all

If this article offended you; good. Maybe you're right and I'm nothing but a washed-up alcoholic upset at the fact that I have no shot at becoming the Rose King because I'm skinny and poor. But, at least you know you're still alive.

their own, especially during deadline week. I could count at least 50 times when my blood boiled over these machines.

Sometimes I still think they know what days the newspaper goes to bed — somehow. I'm proud to say I've developed more patience over the last year and a half. How can you not do so when you work on mind-reading machines?!

And that's not all folks. On top of newspaper staff responsibilities, there's work, marching band, family issues and personal problems along with the day-to-day occurrences like headaches.

Talk about a stress overkill.

As anyone can see, this is a full plate here in college. Are we busy most of the time? Of course. Do we need more things to do? No, not at all. Could we be better students overall if we didn't have this much stress to handle? Perhaps.

One thing is certain — in life, both the young and the young at heart cope with stress. How they prepare for and handle it becomes just one of many challenges we all must face in this world.



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Belles, Band to march in Houston Thanksgiving Parade

by Kristi Flippin
page editor

While some folks sit down with the family for turkey and dressing this Thanksgiving, the Apache Belles and Band will be marching in the Bank United

Thanksgiving Day parade in Houston.

"We have participated in this parade for about eight years and it is always a fun trip that we look forward to," Apache Belle Director Ruth Flynn said.

The Band and Belles will travel to Houston on charter buses the day before Thanksgiving and stay at the Adam's Mark Hotel between rehearsals.

The Belles will open the parade this year with their

traditional high kick routine to "Strike Up the Band," and continue marching the approximately two mile route around downtown Houston with the Band, which will be playing highlights from their

football season drills.

"It is exciting to be the first two groups to be seen on national television as representing a Texas Thanksgiving," Bethany Sturgeon, Apache Belle Head Dance Captain, said.

Strickland to direct 'Christmas Carol' opening Nov. 30

by Julie Steck
page editor

"A Christmas Carol" directed by Clarence Strickland will open in Jean Browne Theatre Nov. 30 and will continue through Dec. 5. All shows, except the 2 p.m. Sunday matinee, begin at 7:30 p.m.

The play is celebrating a Christmas in Victorian England through the dream of Ebenezer Scrooge. It begins on Christmas Eve when

Scrooge's old business partner visits him to spread the joys of Christmas.

Scrooge, a mean, stingy man, tells his partner to leave because he will never celebrate Christmas. As promised, three ghosts come to him that night and take him through Christmas past, present and future. The

dream transforms Scrooge from a grumpy, money-hungry business man to a person who cares about other's feelings.



"It's supposed to show you the joy of life and why

you should take joy in yourself and the things around you," Timothy Britt, who plays Scrooge, said.

Lead cast members include: Tim Britt as Scrooge, Dax Dobbs as Bob Cratchitt, Justin Malone as Cratchitt's nephew, Kirk Race as Marley, Meagan Evans as the ghost of Christmas past, Clint Crawford plays Scrooge as a young man, John Kennon as the ghost of Christmas past and Regan Cole narrates.

Other students participating are: Brian Dadds, Melaine Dickerson, Jessica Ellison, Meagan Evans, Josh Herndon, Heather Knutson, Christine Loving, Gabrielle McColl, Matt McInnis, Darrell Pasqueralli, John Penland, Sarah Reed, Wes Ross, Aaron Shearer, Adrienne Tee, Delanna Thomas, Julia Velazquez, Ce'line Woltjes and Manuel Zancanolla.

Tickets cost \$5 at the box office starting Nov. 20.

Annual Pops Concert to feature singers, dancers Nov. 16-17

by Hannah Buchanan
associate editor

The annual Pops Concert, featuring Harmony and Understanding and the TJC/University of Texas at Tyler's Jazz Band, starts at 7:30 p.m. Nov. 16 and 17 in Wise Auditorium.

"Headed for the Future"

will present instrumental and vocal favorites from the 'big-band' era, from the 50s to the present.

The Jazz Band will play "Eye to Eye" by Lennie Niehaus, "Cruisin' for a Bluesin'" by Andy Weiner and Peter Blair, as well as Glenn Miller's theme song

"Moonlight Serenade" and "Basie-Straight Ahead" — a tribute to Count Basie, among others, Band Director Ronald Todd said.

"The shared performance is the highlight of the fall semester for both the Jazz Band and Harmony and Understanding,"

Todd said.

Music Program Manager Dr. Cheryl Rogers directs Harmony and Understanding; Candy Jordan will choreograph.

The group will open with three popular American pieces. Other numbers include a medley "Lost in

the Fifties Tonight" and a 1980s Neil Diamond song.

"We hope everyone will come out (for the Pops Concert)," Todd said.

Tickets cost \$5 each. They may be purchased at the TJC cashier's office. A few tickets will be available at the door.

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'Nutcracker' dancers to appear

by Stacie Drinning
staff writer

Tickets for "The Nutcracker" ballet are now on sale. Tickets cost \$8 and supplies are limited so advanced purchases are advised, Marilyn Gaston, Academy of Dance director said.

Show times are 7:30 p.m. Dec. 1 and 2 plus a 2 p.m. matinee Dec. 3, in Wise Auditorium. The Sunday performance is especially for young children, Cheryl Rogers, director of fine and performing arts, said. All proceeds benefit the dance program.

"The Nutcracker" is a popular

ballet set to Tchaikovsky's music. It incorporates a classic Christmas fantasy with the elegance of traditional ballet.

The story is perfect for young and old alike. From the mystical and dreamlike settings to the handsome prince, everyone can find pleasure in the fun-filled presentation.

Dance students have spent countless Saturdays rehearsing and practicing to make this the best production possible, Gaston said.

For ticket information contact Marilyn Gaston, or go to the cashier's office in the White Administrative Services Center.

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"I feel that the entire community should get involved. It's the season to be thankful," Brunner said.

"Some struggle to be able to have a nice meal for their family during the holidays, but it's not just through the holidays. Some children may get their only meal of the day at school," she said.

The PATH food drive will continue through Nov. 17 in 12 boxes in the faculty lounges and a box in Rogers Student Center.

"Students can bring their non-perishable items to their teachers and they can take them to the lounge," Brunner said. "We decided to put the goods in the lounges so items would not be taken out of the boxes."

Brunner also reminds students that some instructors are giving extra credit points to students who bring foods, so they should check with instructors.

"Our goal is to raise more than we did last year. Some things have changed though this

year. Instead of piling all of the food in the White Administrative Service Center foyer, it will be taken straight to PATH and stored in a room there.

"Last year the food was handled so much that some boxes were crushed and we don't want that to happen again," Brunner said. "The boxes are checked daily," she said. Any that are full are transported to the storage room at PATH and the box is returned to the lounge.

The food TJC brings adds a variety to the other items collected, PATH Executive Director Gail McGlothlin said.

"We are limited on the types of food that we receive from the Food Bank. When we have a food drive we get various items that we would not be able to get from the Food Bank," McGlothlin said.

"We have to remember that these students are the next generation of our leaders and they must understand the problem of hunger. We need people that will be able to advocate for

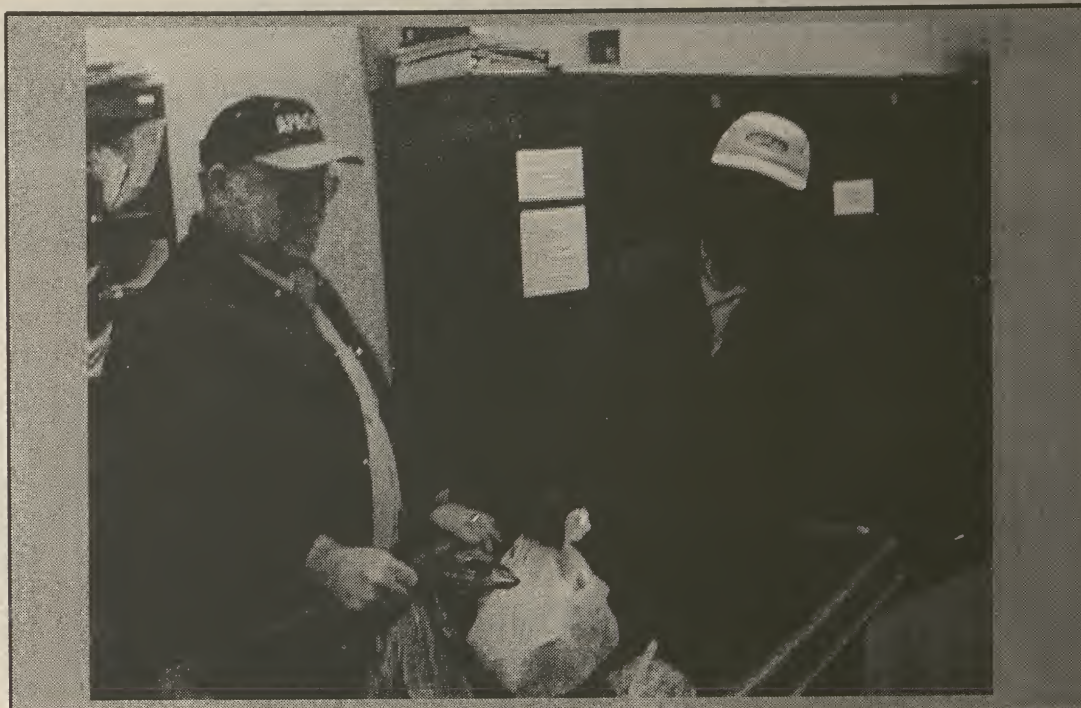


photo by Clay Bransom

Maintenance Supervisor Frank Jakubik and Groundskeeper Charles Ross move canned food from Potter Hall faculty lounge for the PATH Food Drive. Last year, students, faculty, and staff donated some 2,500 pounds of canned food. "We took 17 pickup loads last year," Jakubik said. The drive continues until Friday.

those who are needy," she said.

Despite some contradiction regarding the amount of food collected, each year TJC surpasses the past year's total by a third, McGlothlin said.

"Young people are so compassionate and have such a heart," McGlothlin said. "They need the opportunity to give and that is what we are doing." "I think the most important thing for students to realize is

that without their donations, these families would be helpless. They would not be able to have a nice warm meal for their family during the holidays," she said.



Photos by Ashley Tompkins

Jennifer Barnes (left) paints sign language symbols for the alphabet. Mickey Schwartz and Angela Todd (above) add the finishing touches to the ocean and grass on the mural. Design I students had the project of painting a mural on the walls of the American Sign Language classroom in Potter Hall.

Bookstore nears finish

by Kittee Cunningham
staff writer

A completely redesigned bookstore will open late this month on campus. Follett Co. is paying Tyler contractor HGR \$350,000 to remodel the TJC Bookstore, Manager Chad Cottrill said.

It will have more registers for faster service during busy hours, new seating areas where students can browse books be-

fore they buy and new carpet and new ceilings.

The new store will be more functional for students and staff, Cottrill said.

New stock will include New York Times best seller books, along with local and East Texas authors.

Until then, they will be located on Lake Street in a trailer equipped with all basic supplies.

Equal access efforts continue

by Michael Gibson
page editor

Schools with disabled students are required by the American Disabilities Act to ensure equal access to all courses. Support Services Director Vickie Geisel uses this Act to improve the campus for disabled students.

The college has done campus surveys to evaluate the accessibility of each building, to

determine if renovation is needed.

Geisel said each year more handicapped parking is added. For special circumstances, students with disabilities can park in the faculty area with proper identification.

In the Support Services Department, students fill out a questionnaire reflecting the specific areas of disability. A special board meets each week and looks over these results, using it for improvements, she said.

Internet classes offer other options. The students take the classes at home to earn their degrees.

Visually-impaired students can use programs such as Zoomteks, which enlarges print on a TV screen. A computer program, Jaws, is a voice-activated system which Geisel hopes will be available within two to three years.

For more information, call 510-2419.



The TJC Bookstore, which is being remodeled, is now located on Lake Street in a single-wide mobile home.

Photo by Jennifer Murray

PASSPORTS offers career planning options

by Stacie Drinning
staff writer

Students who don't know what they want to be when they grow up may

find PASSPORTS useful. This new program can help students figure out which career option fits best.

Students start with orientation sessions. They receive a "passport," Melinda Coker, career planning and placement director, said. The passport contains activities for the participant to com-

plete.

Students earn points or "stamps" for completing ac-

stamp points. The second level takes 500 points and the final level takes 600 points. Students win prizes as they reach each level.

The Passport tracks "six steps of career planning," Coker said.

1. Who am I? This self-assessment helps the student realize the range of jobs related to their own personal interests or talents.
2. Research and Exploration encourages students to contract people working in fields they are interested in.
3. Gain Experience through working 100 hours as an intern or working part-time in the career field.
4. Develop Marketable Skills by attending free seminars. This helps students learn what employers want.
5. Develop Enhancers by learning how to stand out in the crowd of job seekers and be successful.
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More than 100 students are working on their PASSPORTS. Charles Lukololo, 22, said he is having great success in planning his futures.

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Joey Duckett

"All of my family comes to my house."



Heather Frizzell

"To spend it with family and my best friend's family."



Janeka Hector

"I'm going back to Houston. It's the first time I've been home since school started."



Darrell Asbell

"Go to Dallas to visit friends and family."



Nicole Ison

"Being with my family."

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Photo by Coretta Williams

The breezeway, entrances and porches of Genecov received a new coating of paint last Monday and Tuesday. "Generally a building needs to be repainted every seven to eight years," Physical Plant Director Fred Carson said. "We can go just so long with powerwashing a building." Students had to sit on benches outside instead of under the Genecov breezeway while the painters worked.

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Basketball teams start seasons with wins

by Clay Bransom
staff writer

The Apaches Men's Basketball Team opened their season Nov. 3 by whitewashing the Texas College Steers, 125-49, at home.

They lost a heartbreaker to Midland College, 71-67, the next day. The Apaches are picked to finish fifth in the Region XIV Athletic Conference this year despite finishing second with a 21-11 record last year.

Though he lost players from

last year's teams to NCAA Division I powerhouses, second-year Head Coach Chris Crutchfield feels confident about his team.

"We feel like we are better than a fifth place team," Crutchfield said.

"We feel good right now. We are headed in the right direction. We are getting better, and we hope we have all cylinders going when we get into conference play," Crutchfield said.

Key Apache players are:

Sophomore Guard

Darmetrius Kilgore, a returning starter from South Bend, Ind.

Sophomore Forward Jeremie McGuire, a returning player from San Diego.

Freshman Forward Chris Booker, whom Crutchfield calls "a real surprise" this year.

The Apaches headed to Marianna, Fla., to play in the Chipola Classic Nov. 10-11. They will meet Wiley College Nov. 16 at Wagstaff Gym and Lon Morris Nov. 21.

The defending NJCAA

Champion Apaches Ladies basketball team began defending their title Nov. 1 with a 71-50 victory over Collin County Community College.

They won both games in the Conners Cowgirl Classic in Warner, Okla. They defeated Westark, 71-61, and won a nailbiter over Conners College, 56-54.

"I feel like I am up to the challenge this year," new Ladies Head Coach Trenia Tillis said. Tillis replaced Coach Lee Ann Riley who moved to assistant coach at the University

of Missouri.

"We have four returning starters this year," Tillis said.

"Coach Riley recruited four before she left, and when I came in, I recruited five," Tillis said.

"I feel like we have a good team and we have a shot to defend our title," she said.

The Ladies play their home opener tomorrow against McLennan Community College at Wagstaff Gym. They will host Grayson College Nov. 18 and Lon Morris College Nov. 21.

Apaches beat rivals, make into playoffs

by Clay Bransom
staff writer

The Apaches met Navarro College in Corsicana Saturday in one of two semifinal matches. The winner will play the winner of the TVCC-Northeastern Oklahoma semifinal game Dec. 2 in Bedford.

They won a semifinal spot by avenging an early season loss to arch-rival Kilgore Rangers with a thrilling 34-28 win in three overtimes Nov. 4. A week earlier, they beat Trinity Valley

Community College, 42-27, Oct. 28 in Athens.

"It's a great feeling making the playoffs my first year in college after not making it my senior year in high school," Tight End Byron Payne said. His touchdown in the third overtime provided the winning score.

The Apache Football Team saved the best for last.

Running back Jonathan Combs carried the ball 16 times for 157 yards and ran in four touchdowns. Olan Coleman re-

turned for his second 99-yard TD this season. He added a rushing touchdown against TVCC.

"Anytime you can run, you have success and build confidence," Defensive Line Coach Maurea Crain said.

In their Homecoming Game Saturday, the Apaches grabbed an early lead, thanks to touchdown runs by Running Back Robert Lolohea and Quarterback Jeff Hillard. Kilgore tied 14-14 in the second half to send

the game into overtime.

Wide Receiver Tray Porter grabbed a 5-yard touchdown pass from Hillard in the first overtime. Kilgore matched Tyler with a TD to tie the game, 21-21, and send it into a second overtime.

Kilgore scored first, but the Apaches tied with Combs' powerful 3-yard run.

In the third overtime, Payne grabbed a 29-yard pass from Hillard and ran untouched into the end zone, but the two-point

conversion failed. On fourth and 13, the Rangers failed to score. The win sent the Apaches to the playoffs.

"Everyone came out to play," Coleman said. "This is what we were dreaming of this season. That's what it is all about—making the playoffs."

Coleman gained more than 200 yards on the ground.

"We were praying that our defense would hold up on their last drive, and they came through for us," he said.

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Ladies Volleyball finishes 2nd, to compete for region title

by Clay Bransom
staff writer

The Apaches Ladies Volleyball team will play in the Region XIV Tournament after finishing second in the conference with a record of 29-14.

The Apaches started in the eight-team, single-elimination tournament Friday against San Jacinto, Coach Dana Hatch said.

The winner of the Region XIV Tournament will go on to the National Tournament in Overland, Kansas.

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